

FORMER DANISH ISLANDS PASS UNDER U. S. CONTROL

Questions Settled; Formal Raising of Stars and Stripes is to come Soon

The Danish West Indies are ours. The treaty giving the United States possession has been ratified. The formal transfer and the raising of the Stars and Stripes will take place as soon as the purchase price of \$25,000,000 is paid. This, it is expected, will be within 90 days.

The plan is to have the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, go to the islands to receive them formally in the name of the United States of America.

Since the old name no longer fits them, what shall this group of islands be called? A resolution has been introduced into Congress to re-name them the Dewey Islands.

Negotiations between the United States and Denmark continued more than half a century.

It was William H. Seward, President Lincoln's Secretary of State, who began the agitation for the purchase of the isles. At that time, when Russia was making war on Denmark and taking territory from her, it was realized that it might be very unfortunate for the United States if these islands should fall in the hands of Russia or any other powerful European nation.

St. Thomas, the smallest of the three large islands has been called the Gibraltar of America.

Current Events.

HIGH PRICED TOBACCO

It will no doubt be of interest to our readers to know that the cut found in our advertising columns is the reproduction of the largest and most valuable load of bright tobacco ever sold in the United States.

This load was sold by W. B. Boyd & Co., of Warrenton, N. C., for Mr. W. B. Harris of Macon, N. C., and was with a fertilizer manufactured by the American Fertilizing Co., of Norfolk, Va. The President of which company was a Warren County boy.

This enormous load of tobacco weighed 7,624 lbs and sold for \$2502.55, an average of \$32.82 per hundred lbs.

It was drawn into market by one pair of mules. This you see shows that kind of roads Warren County has, as well as progressive Warehousemen, and Farmers who know that kind of Guano to use to beat all words heretofore made.

Emblematic of the name of the company (American), you will notice in the picture the load was draped with the National colors and decorated with the Stars and Stripes, and seen by your Uncle Sam.

This load of tobacco created much sensation, when it was stopped in front of the court house of Old Warrenton, on Warrenton's new asphalt street, where pictures were taken.

Attaining this achievement we take our hats to all who contributed to make it possible and beg to say it is no more than might be expected, it is characteristic of Old Warren County.

GLORY TO THE TIMES

When threatened with suit for libel by the Buncombe county commissioners on account of its criticism of their secret sale of county bonds at prices much under the market, the Asheville Times not only invited them to come on with the damage suit, but offered to pay \$200 toward the expense of bringing the suit. When the suit was served—three commissioners bringing ten separate suits—the Times not only refused to retract anything, but reprinted the comments on which the actions were based and is standing by its guns.

The Landmark glories in the stand the Times and herewith extends congratulations. A careful reading of the alleged libelous articles disclose no charge of graft or private iniquity on the part of the commissioners. They are charged with having blundered with having made errors "that are inexcusable and little short of criminal." If newspapers are not at liberty to criticize and comment upon public officials, the facts should be published; and we are glad the Times is going into question and answer on its rights. Public officials are a few, who do not think that they have much to say at times about a paper should and should not publish. The editor who is worth his salt should be governed by his own judgment in all matters of publication.—Statesville Landmark.

CAN STILL SHOOT

Washington, Jan. 24—Declarations since the days of frontier life have passed, Americans are no longer called to their former fame as riflemen are complete refuted by statistics says officers of the U. S. Marines. The officers recently compiled data showing that splendid shooting quali-

ties are still characteristics of American troops.

More than seventy-three per cent of the 6141 members of the United States Marine Corps who fired during 1916, on the fourteen Marine Corps rifle ranges, are qualified skilled riflemen, according to the table just compiled. Of these sea-soldiers, 921, or fifteen per cent, are expert riflemen; 1044, or seventeen per cent, are sharpshooters; and 2518, or forty-one per cent, are marksmen.

It is doubtful if Leatherstocking himself could outshoot them, says the Marines.

REINDEER IN ALASKA

Shall we of the United States soon be eating reindeer meat? In his annual report the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Lane, forecasts the day when this meat will be sent here from Alaska, in large quantities.

Twenty-five years ago there were no reindeer in Alaska. Our Government arranged for the importation of 1200 of the animals from Siberia and Lapland. Some were domesticated, others were turned loose in the Alaskan forests. They have increased in numbers and there are now large herds of them, both tame and wild.

The reindeer have been of great benefit to Alaska. They do not mind the cold. They are docile, may be driven like horses, and are swifter. They can thrive on the coarse forage of the woods. Their flesh is much like beef, and their hides makes the best of leather.—Current Events.

Great Parties Are "Tired" in House

The roll of the next House of Representatives, as made up by the Clerk of the House, shows 215 Democrats, 215 Republicans, two Progressives, one Prohibitionist, one Social and one Independent.

The Clerk's figures are final, until after the Speaker has been elected and the House organized. The small parties therefore hold the "balance of power." The choice of Speaker and committees may depend upon whether the Democratic or the Republican candidates get a majority of the small-party votes.

—Current Events.

JACK FROST

He went to the windows of those who slept
And over each pane like a fairy crept,
Wherever he breathed, wherever he stepped
By the light of the morning were seen
Most beautiful things; there were
Flowers and trees,
There were beehives of birds and swarms of bees.
There were cities with temples and towers, and these
All pictured in silver sheen.
—HANNAH F. GOULD.

WINTER

The leaves are rustling mournfully.
The yellow leaves are sere;
For Winter with his naked arms
And chilling breath is here;
The hills that all the Autumn-time
Went singing to the sea,
Are waiting in their icy chains
For Spring to set them free;
No bird is heard the livelong day
Upon its mates to call,
And coldly and capricious
The slanting sunbeams fall.
—ALICE CAREY.

American Airplanes Best

"Airships made in the United States are equal to any in the world and will soon outstrip those of Europe." So say the Swedish officers sent here to study our progress in aviation.—Current Events.

Precious "Scrap of Paper"

One thousand dollars was offered for the original manuscript of Eugene Field's "Little Boy Blue," at a Chicago bazaar held to raise money for the wounded soldiers of the Allies.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c. Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

If you are told to do a thing,
And mean to do it really,
Never let it be by halves;
Do it fully, freely!
Do not make a poor excuse,
Waiting, weak, unsteady;
All obedience worth the name
Must be prompt and ready.
—Phoebe Cary.

Give a woman a secret and it is like bread cast on the waters.
—Henderson Dispatch.

Monument to Jefferson Davis
The birthplace of Jefferson Davis at Fairview, Ky., is to be marked by a monument. The sum of \$150,000 has been raised "by the men and women of the Southern Confederacy" for this purpose.

Wake Up

Stop Your Dreaming About Hard Times. The ARK Has Come To Your Rescue and WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

WHAT IS LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS is an improved Cascara (a tonic-laxative) pleasant to take
In LAX-FOS the Cascara is improved by the addition of certain harmless chemicals which increase the efficiency of the Cascara, making it better than ordinary Cascara. LAX-FOS is pleasant to take and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. Adapted to children as well as adults. Just try one bottle for constipation. 50c.

WOOD'S Seed Catalog

for 1917, tells about the best Farm and Garden Seeds and gives special information as to the best crops to grow, both for profit and home use.
The large increase in our business which we have again experienced during the past year is the best of evidence as to the high quality of
WOOD'S SEEDS.
Write for catalog and prices of Grass and Clover Seeds, Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats or any Farm Seeds required.
Catalog mailed free on request.
T. W. WOOD & SONS, SEEDSMEN, - Richmond, Va.

If you wish to buy or sell houses, lots, lands, plantations or standing timber, see me or write to me and let me list the same, with a description of what you desire. I may get results satisfactory to you.
J. B. POWELL,
Warrenton, N. C.
1-12-17.

NOTICE!
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late R. Edgar Robinson, Warren County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, or his attorney, on or before the first day of January 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This Jan. 1st, 1917.
B. B. WILLIAMS, Attorney,
E. H. NEAL, Administrator,
Littleton, N. C.,
R. F. D. No. 5.

Boyd's Warehouse

When a man thinks about High Prices for tobacco—He thinks about Boyd's Warehouse—Why—because we have made the highest averages for a single load, weighing over 1000 lbs, all our floor averages are higher also.
Don't forget us, we are good for High Prices. Bring us your next load.
P. S. Our market closes Wednesday, December 20th, for the Holiday and will open again January 3rd, 1917.

W. B. BOYD & CO.

An Army 2,000,000 Strong
And every one guarding a home—that's the Perfection Heater army. For real preparedness against sudden changes in the weather, get a Perfection.
It travels light—you can carry it anywhere. It's clean, good-looking, and durable. Costs little to buy and little to use—the cheapest form of comfort insurance. On the firing line in 2,000,000 homes. Ask any good hardware dealer, furniture or department store.
Use Aladdin Security Oil—for best results.
STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(New Jersey)
BALTIMORE
Richmond, Va. Charleston, W. Va.
Norfolk, Va. Charlotte, N. C. Charleston, S. C.



PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATERS

Overland Automobiles



Old Style
Above is the old-fashioned type of automobile spring still being used by many motor car manufacturers.
It gives the car a violent "throw" on every rebound.
Most of the automobiles that ride uncomfortably do so on account of the "throw" in this kind of springs.
They are back breakers.

New Style
Above is the up-to-date easy riding spring. It is the well known cantilever type.
This spring absorbs all shocks, jars and jolts.
It is the easiest riding spring in the world.
It is used on the famous Overland 75 B—\$635—f. o. b. Toledo.

W. R. STRICKLAND, Dealer, Warrenton; N. C., Phone 84.
The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio
"Made in U. S. A."